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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Submitted herewith, please find a Request for a Divisional Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) claiming priority from U.S. Patent Application No. 09/233,687 filed on January 19, 1999, and enter this preliminary amendment and consider the following remarks prior to first examination:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the first paragraph on page 1, after the section header entitled "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION" with:

This application is a divisional application of U.S. Application No. 09/233,687, filed on January 19, 1999, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/071,930, filed on January 20, 1998. All above-referenced applications are hereby incorporated by reference.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-31 without prejudice.

Please add the following claims:

32. (new) A production module authoring system, for use in a low bandwidth video system, comprising:

a computer having a display screen, memory, image files, video files, and audio files; and a software application, residing in said memory, which presents a graphical user interface on said display screen that allows a user to use point-and-click operations to build a production module for use in said low bandwidth video system.

- 1 33. (new) The system of claim 34, further comprising said low bandwidth video system
- 2 including:
- a director module residing in said memory; and
- 4 a production module, including a script module, an image module, an audio module, and
- 5 a new effects module;
- 6 wherein said director module
- 7 uses said image module, new effects module, and instructions in said script
- 8 module to compute a series of real-time screen transitions; and
- 9 combines said real-time screen transitions with associated audio to render high quality digital video on said display screen.
 - 34. (new) The system of claim 34, wherein said production module comprises a script module, an image module, an audio module, and an optional new effects module.
 - 35. (new) The system of claim 34, wherein said graphical user interface comprises a file selection window for selecting said files, a preview window for previewing said files, and
- 3 button bars for sequencing images and video into logical pages and for attaching audio and
- 4 screen transition instructions to said logical page.

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are canceled. Claims 32-35 are added. Applicants respectfully request consideration of claims 32-35.

All pending claims are allowable and Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance from the Examiner. Should the Examiner have questions, the Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX: Marked up version showing changes

IN THE SPECIFICATION

The first paragraph on page one has been changed to read:

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